Year	Amount released (Rs. in crore)
1977-78	33.20
1978-79	21.93
1979-80	23.00
1980-81	22.19
1981-82	15.24
1982-83	69.57
1983-84	36.17
1984-85	202.84
1985-86	123.67
1986-87	135.14
1987-88	170.22
1988-89	216.84

Cotton monopoly procurement Scheme of Maharashtra

1137. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any extension has been given to Maharashtra's Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any, further study is also being conducted on the long term implications of the scheme; and

(d) if so, by when the study is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Union Government have extended the Maharashtra Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme for a further period of one year with effect from 1-7-86 for the Present.

(c) and (d) It has been decided to constitute a high level interministerial Committee to examine the merits and demerits of the continuance of the Scheme. The Committee is expected to give its reports within 6 months.

Shifting of head office of Tea Board from Calcutta to Guwahati

1138. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been a consistent demand from the people of Assam and State Government for shifting of the Head Office of Tea Board from Calcutta to Guwahati; and

(b) if so, whether Government have since taken any decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Calcutta being a major port, has remained the centre of export activities for a long time. Most of the tea buying for overseas markets is done from Calcutta auction and a number of exporting firms are also located there. It is therefore not practical to shift the Head Office of Tea Board from Calcutta to Guwahati.

Assam's relation with neighbouring States

1139. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the relation of Assam with the neighbouring North Eastern States have been at a low ebb owing to the border disputes continuing amongst them over the years; and